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NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN: Now we find out why the postal service doesn't deliver the mail. They're reading it. All this time we thought they were inefficient and it turns out they were too busy snooping into their customers private affairs to stick the letters in a slot. The news that the postal service has joined an ever growing list of government agencies which prefer to spy on the taxpayers rather than service them should hardly come as a surprise.

Elsewhere it pops up that the IRS is using lady undercover agents to snoop out the secrets of people's sex lives. There are so many of these stories surfacing it seems impossible that all of them can be true. We can only hope that some of them will turn out to be false. Like the one Robert Kennedy's former aides about how the CIA got involved with the mafia.

Then the stories about the FBI, as a result of a discovery motion in a suit against the Federal Bureau of Investigation, literally thousands of pages of interoffice memoranda have come to light showing that these nogoodnicks are spending untold amounts of taxpayer money, prying into people's private lives, wrecking reputations and playing politically inspired Watergate-type dirty tricks against hundred if not thousands of people. Breakins, burgleries, assassinations, peeping tomism, character defamation, terrorizying women, anonomous phone calls in the night. Just who in the heck do the employees of these various government agencies think they are?

And the heads of these agencies -- Colby of the CIA, Kelly of the FBI, and the rest of them, for them there is apparently no act no matter how vile, no matter how unconstitutional, how cowardly, how offensive to the flag and the oath of their offices, that they will not condone, explaine, excuse, ignore